

REMARKS

Claim 5 has been previously canceled. Claims 1 and 31-33 have been canceled via the present amendment. The claims remaining in the application are 2-4 and 6-30.

Drawings

A copy of the formal drawings are submitted herewith with a copy of the Letter to the Official Draftsperson. Approval by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 7 is objected to due to informalities. The dependency of claim 7 has been changed to depend on newly independent claim 6.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action has rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 12-14, 16, 17, 19-22, and 25-29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coates et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,867,834) in view of Tasaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,814,914). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action has rejected claims 3, 4, 8-11, 15, and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coates in view of Tasaka and further in view of Umeda et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0067572). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action has rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coates in view of Tasaka and further in view of Chung et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,184). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Allowable Subject Matter

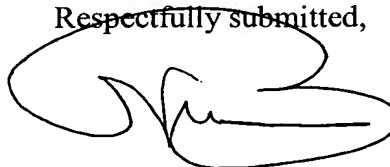
The Office Action has objected to claims 6, 23, 24, and 30 but will allow them if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

CONCLUSION

Dependent claims not specifically addressed add additional limitations to the independent claims, which have been distinguished from the prior art and are therefore also patentable.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that additional modifications to the claims are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below for a telephone interview and Examiner's amendment.

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